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1951 BUSINESS REPORT OF THE VHZ SCHROTT (20 pp; German; [redacted]
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This document, dated 12 March 1952, is a photostat of the 1951 business report of the VHZ Schrott (People-Owned Scrap Trading Center).

The document reports on matters such as the following:

1. Problems encountered by the VHZ Schrott.

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Adjusting the State Planning Commission's plans for the VHZ Schrott to meet the needs of the consumers.

Allocating the available scrap materials to individual consumers.

How to explain, in terms of plan fulfillment, scrap material fulfillment figures for items which were procured and processed but are no longer needed.

Insufficient data furnished by consumers on materials required by them.

2. Discussion of the situation as it exists in the following scrap materials:

Steel scrap, scrap iron; copper, aluminum, zinc, lead, and other nonferrous-metal scrap.

3. New location of the VHZ Schrott on the outskirts of Leipzig and the effects of the new location on costs; difficulties caused by moving.

4. The Schulz firm in Freital was nationalized. It prepares and processes metallic and nonmetallic industrial scrap.

5. The investment plan had to be revised during June 1951. The plan was 97.5% fulfilled during 1951 if savings and lowering of costs are taken into account.

By the end of 1951 the construction of power hammers in Brandenburg, Dresden, and Leipzig was from 80- to 90% fulfilled. Work was completed during January 1952.

The 2.5% underfulfillment of the plan resulted from material procurement and delivery difficulties, ~~NOT~~ not from any fault of the VHZ Schrott.

6. Procurement of carbide constituted a serious bottleneck in the VHZ Schrott operations. Substituting hydrogen would not solve the problem since the shortage of that material is just as bad.

The State Secretariat for Materials Supply was able to allocate only 10% of the cable required for the new power hammers. Additional shortages: motor fuel, extra-large truck tires (imported), etc.

7. The document then goes into a detailed analysis of the 1951 plan fulfillment figures.

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